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TO AMEMBASSY PRETORIA IMMEDIATE

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FOR AMBASSADOR SMITH FROM SIEVERING

E.O. 11652: N/A

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SUBJECT: PURCHASE OF RECOVERED URANIUM SAFARI-I SPENT FUEL

1. REF SIEVERING/GUHIN TELCON CONCERNING PAYMENT IN FULL
TO SOUTH AFRICA FOR THE ENRICHED URANIUM RECOVERED FROM
SAFARI-I RESEARCH REACTOR SPENT FUEL. THE ENRICHED URANIUM
IN QUESTION INCLUDES ALL THAT RECOVERED FROM FIVE (5)
SHIPMENTS RECEIVED FROM SOUTH AFRICA BEGINNING IN JUNE,
1976, AND CONTINUING THROUGH JANUARY, 1978, UNDER CONTRACT
E 14)-3054 AND CONTRACT E (49-14)-3058. DOE'S
SAVANNAH RIVER PLANT WILL HAVE COMPLETED ITS FINAL ANALYSES
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AND MONETARY VALUE WILL HAVE BEEN ASSIGNED TO THE ENTIRE
QUANTITY BY JUNE 29. PURSUANT TO ATOMIC ENERGY ACT OF
1954, AS AMENDED, DOE HAS THE REQUISITE AUTHORITY TO
PURCHASE THE RECOVERED ENRICHED URANIUM IF IT SHOULD SO
DESIRE, SUBJECT TO THE AVAILABILITY OF APPROPRIATED FUNDS.
DOE HAS DETERMINED THAT SUFFICIENT FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE
FOR THIS PURCHASE, AND WOULD BE PREPARED TO UNDERTAKE

APPROPRIATE ARRANGEMENTS.

2. PENDING RESULTS OF FINAL MASS SPECTROGRAPHIC ANALYSES, DOE ESTIMATES THAT THE VALUE OF THE RECOVERED ENRICHED URANIUM IS ABOUT \$669,000, BUT FIGURE IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE

PENDING ANALYSES. THE ABOVE VALUE IS BASED ON PRELIMINARY ANALYSES WHICH INDICATE THERE ARE 22.282 KILOGRAMS OF URANIUM CONTAINING 16.261 KILOGRAMS OF U-235 RECOVERED FROM THE SAFARI-I SPENT FUEL.

3. PAYMENT FOR MATERIAL COULD BE MADE PROMPTLY, UPON EXECUTION OF PURCHASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN DOE AND SOUTH AFRICAN ATOMIC ENERGY BOARD. SUCH AGREEMENT CAN BE CABLED TO EMBASSY FOR SOUTH AFRICAN APPROVAL PROMPTLY.

4. DOE IS PREPARED TO PROCEED AS DESCRIBED ABOVE. PLEASE ADVISE.

5. FOREGOING CLEARED BY ACDA, OES/NET, AND AF. VANCE

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